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Judith Exner to Tell All

NEW YORK—"It's just business as usual," said Judith Exner when I asked her about the current Kennedy mess.

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And if anyone should know about the Kennedy boys and their toys, it's Judith Exner, who was, for a period of time, simultaneously the good friend of both President John F. Kennedy and mob chieftain Sam Giancana. (Kennedy broke her heart and the Giancana connection didn't do her reputation any good, either. A congressional committee forced her to testify under oath about her relationship with the 35th President.)

She's about to plunge into her own past. She has agreed to sit and tell the whole truth and nothing but to author Anthony Summers. Summers, who is something of a Kennedy scholar, wrote "Goddess," the massive 1985 biography of Marilyn Monroe.

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And just in time for all of the above, the coming issue of Vanity Fair gives us a 14-page rehash of Monroe's friendship with the late Kennedy in-law and actor Peter Lawford. Titled "The Man Who Kept Marilyn's Secrets" and written by James Spada, it doesn't really tell us anything new, but the sheer space this piece takes up indicates that MM and the Kennedys continue to make a timelessly fascinating tale.

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